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YOUTH INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WHAT IS IT?

-  Part of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES).
-  A program which gives youth of Canada a first paid career-related international work experience through 6 to 12 month internships in some 115 countries in all regions of the world.
-  A program through which the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade funds about 40 organizations that implement around 400 international internships per year. Most internships take place abroad; however, each project may have one internship in 10 take place entirely in Canada.
-  A program which contributes to the advancement of the three main pillars of Canadian foreign policy: the promotion of prosperity and employment; the protection of our security within a stable global framework; and the projection of Canadian values and culture in the world.
-  A partnership program where private or public sector partners, non-governmental and international organizations cooperate with the Department to provide international opportunities for youth on a shared cost basis with cash or in-kind contributions from implementing and host organizations.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE THEY?

-  They are located in Canada, and include national associations, business councils, chambers of commerce, band councils, companies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), health or educational institutions with an international orientation and a network of overseas contacts.